

<p style="text-align: center;">Minutes of the Special Town Meeting December 16, 2014</p>

Moderator Enrico Cappucci opened the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at 7:15 pm at the Ayer Shirley Middle School Auditorium, 1 Hospital Road. The Town Clerk had sworn the following people to serve as tellers: Mike Detillion, Thadee Landry, Ron Marchetti and Jim Thibault. Board of Registrars member Jim Yocum and election worker Kathie Bradley checked voters into the meeting.

Article 1: Citizens' Petition –Supplement/Amend Appropriation of Funds for Fiscal Year 2015

To see if the Town will vote to transfer certain sum s of money as specified in the chart below within the Fiscal Year 2015 budget, as appropriated in Article 1, Motion A of the November 10, 2014, Special Town Meeting, or to appropriate a sum or sums of money to supplement said budget, said appropriation to be transferred from available funds or raised by taxation; or take any other action relative thereto.

<u>Line item</u> <u>FY2015 Revised</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Department / Account</u> <u>Name</u>	<u>FY2015</u> <u>Approved</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>(Reduction/Increase)</u>
145/146 \$15,000	Tax Title/Foreclosure	\$19,602.00	(\$4,602)
611 \$56,417	Hazen Memorial Library Expenses	\$51,815	\$4,602

Elizbeth Quinty moved that the Town vote to approve Article 1 as printed in the Warrant for the sum of \$4,602 to be taken from Tax Title/Foreclosure line item 145/146. Motion seconded.

Library Director Deb Roy explained that the amount appropriated for this year's Library budget for materials budget was too low to meet state regulations. When the petition was circulated the figure was thought to be \$4,602, but after closer review, the needed amount was \$3,728.

Amendment 1 Chairman of the Finance committee Stewart Cady moved that the amount to be transferred from Tax Title/Foreclosure be reduced to \$3,728 and the amount to be transferred to Hazen Memorial Library Expenses be reduced to \$3,728.

Presentations were made by both sides. After discussion, Bryan Dumont asked for a secret ballot. 7 People stood in favor of the secret ballot, so the moderator advised that the secret ballot would proceed. He advised that the meeting would vote on the higher number of the original motion first.

Secret Ballot Total Votes: 170 Yes: 123 No: 47 The moderator advised that the higher amount in the original motion passed.

Article 2: Citizens' Petition – Supplemental Appropriation of Funds for Fiscal Year 2015

To see if the Town will vote to transfer certain sums of money within the Fiscal Year 2015 budget or to appropriate a sum or sums of money to supplement said budget, said appropriation to be transferred from available funds, or take any other action relative thereto.

Line Item #	Department/Account Name	FY2015 Approved	Proposed (Reduction/Increase)	FY2015 Revised Budget
611	Library Expenses	\$203,828.55	\$4,602.00	\$208,430.55

Beth Quinty moved that the town take no action on article 2 as printed in the Warrant.

Voice Vote: Passed by majority vote

Motion made and seconded to dissolve the meeting. **Voice Vote: Passed by Majority.** The moderator declared the town meeting dissolved at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amy R. McDougall
Shirley Town Clerk